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Steve Rogers, patriot of the second world war.

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PREVIOUSLY

After an intense city-spanning battle with the villainous Mr. Hyde, Captain America was reunited with his former girlfriend, Diamondback. The reunion was bittersweet as Nick Fury quickly interrupted them, sending Cap, with Diamondback tagging along, deep into Hydra's headquarters to save an abducted senator. Unbeknownst to Cap, Nick Fury was actually Mark Nolan in disguise...a rogue S.H.I.E.L.D. agent determined to overthrow Fury and take over the S.H.I.E.L.D. organization. The Senator's rescue was actually a ploy set up by Nolan to raise money to aid in his devious plans. After the Senator was safe and sound, Diamondback and Cap parted ways. Cap went off to answer the call of an Avengers' "priority white" alert, their most serious distress call. Diamondback returned home, where she found the Red Skull waiting in her kitchen...yeah, her kitchen. Has Diamondback turned over to the dark side? What is Mark Nolan up to? Read on, true believer!!

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CRACK!!

STEVE, REALLY... YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME. WHEN I ASKED YOU ALONG I HAD NO IDEA WHAT YOU WERE GOING THROUGH.
Coke Cola
HOT DOGS
I'M FINE, RACHEL. THE AVENGERS WILL BOUNCE BACK, I'M SURE OF IT.
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME TO COME TO THIS GAME WITH YOU. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO MUCH THAT DIDN'T INVOLVE THROWING A SHIELD OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN AT ALL. REALLY...IF YOU WANT TO GO--GO. I UNDERSTAND. YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT RECENTLY.
I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, BUT REALLY... I'M FI--
ATTENTION!
OKAY, PEOPLE, LISTEN UP! I'VE GOT THIS WHOLE STADIUM LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES. MY ASSOCIATES WILL BE GOING THROUGH THE STANDS COLLECTING JEWELRY, WATCHES, AND CASH!
ANYONE TRIES ANYTHING, AND WE ALL GET BLOWN SKY-HIGH.
YANKEES

OH, STEVE--WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
HOT DOGS
THAT'S IT, PUT IT ALL IN THE BAGS! YOU'RE DOING GREAT, PEOPLE! THIS WILL ALL BE OVER SOON!
CLANGG!!
TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN.
DEAL WITH THE BAGMEN, DIAMONDBACK!!
BUD
YOU CLOWNS PICKED THE WRONG DAY TO MESS WITH ME...

KRAK!
I MUST SAY, CAPTAIN--YOU'VE RUINED MY PLANS!

BATROC...
I HAD HOPED TO MERELY SIT AMONG THE SPECTATORS AND ALLOW MY HENCHMEN TO DO ALL THE WORK. I EVEN CONTEMPLATED NOT ATTENDING.
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN UNFORGIVABLE MISTAKE. I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE A BASEBALL FAN.
NO MATTER...I'VE RENDERED YOU INSENSATE WITH A BLOW THAT WILL KEEP YOU QUITE IMMOBILE FOR SOME HOURS.

TWACK!
OR SO I THOUGHT. MY, MY, CAPTAIN... YOU ARE FULL OF SURPRISES.
I'LL TRY TO KEEP UP!
WHOOO!
BATROC... I AM IN NO MOOD FOR THIS.
GOOM!

YOU'RE NOT PLAYING AROUND. I'VE NEVER KNOWN YOU TO BE THIS BRUTAL.
HAD ENOUGH?
NOT IN THE LEAST! I DIDN'T MEAN TO IMPLY OTHERWISE.
YOU SEE... I ACTUALLY HAVE THE UPPER HAND.
MOVE ONE INCH AND WE ALL DIE!!
REALLY?
GO AHEAD... PRESS THAT LITTLE RED BUTTON. I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
CLICK
WOULD YOU LIKE AN AUTOGRAPH?
POW!

OKAY, SO THERE *ARE* NO EXPLOSIVES. NO HARM, NO FOUL, EH, *MON CAPITAN?*
BE SEEING YOU.
KINGO'BEERS
BTANGG!!
IDIOT.
THAP!

IT APPEARS THAT THE GOOD SENATOR WINSLOW FINALLY MADE THE DEPOSIT INTO MY ACCOUNT. THAT LITTLE PART OF MY PLAN IS ALL PAID UP AND TAKEN CARE OF, BRINGING ME ONE STEP CLOSER TO MY GOAL.
IF I CAN SET UP A FEW MORE "FAVORS" I'LL EVENTUALLY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY MORE WEAPONRY FROM A.I.M. ONCE THAT HAPPENS, WE CAN TAKE OVER S.H.I.E.L.D. AND FINALLY KICK NICK FURY TO THE CURB.
SPEAKING OF MONEY...OUR END OF THE BARGAIN IS MET, SKULL. YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WANTED, YOUR NEW ARMOR SEEMS TO HAVE MET WITH YOUR APPROVAL. IT'S ABOUT TIME TO GET OUT THE CHECKBOOK, EH?

I APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE, NOLAN, BUT I MUST REGRETFULLY INFORM YOU THAT I DO NOT PLAN TO COMPENSATE YOU IN ANY WAY.
IS THAT SO?
CHAK!
CHAK!
AS YOU CAN SEE...YOUR OPTIONS ARE ABOUT AS LIMITED AS THEY GET. YOU PAY US OR YOU DIE. OH, AND BEFORE YOU START THINKING THAT ADVANCED ARMOR IS GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF THIS...
SPUTNIK.
I BELIEVE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO IMMOBILIZE ME. WASN'T IT? DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T LOOK FOR A FAIL-SAFE? I HAVE SOME LEVEL OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AT MY DISPOSAL.
IN THE FUTURE, TRY NOT TO MAKE IT SO ABUNDANTLY OBVIOUS HOW NEW YOU ARE TO THIS.

SHOOT HIM, YOU IDIOTS!!
BRAKKABRAKKABRAKK!
YOU TRY MY PATIENCE.
THOK!
THOK!
THOK!
THOK!
THOK!
BRAKKA
SKRAGG!!

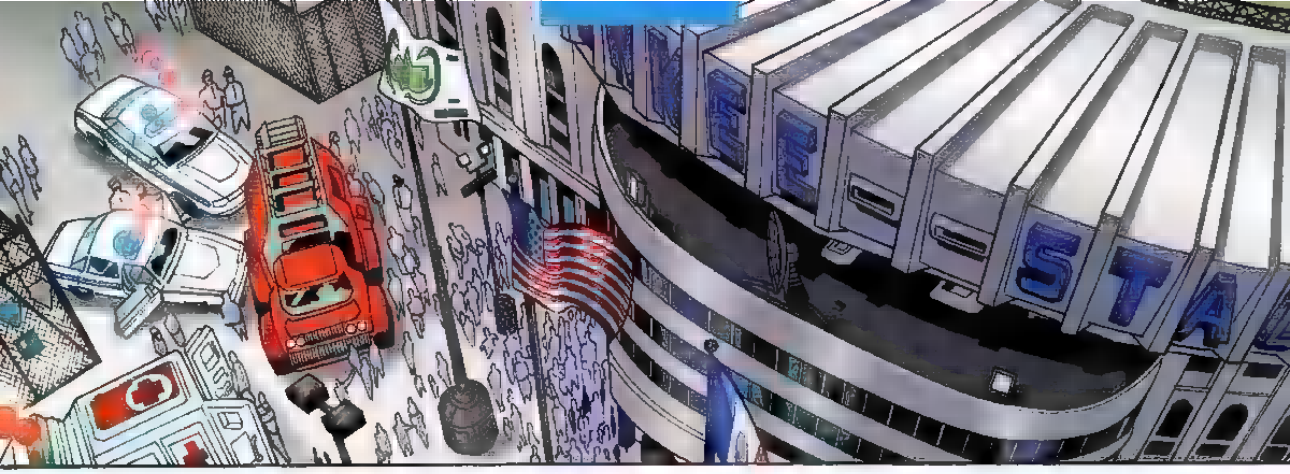
BRAWAWOOM!

I'LL TELL YOU THIS ONLY ONCE. OUR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP HAS COME TO AN END. YOU HAVE HELPED ME IN MY MISSION AND I THANK YOU... BUT THAT IS ALL YOU WILL BE GETTING FROM ME IN RETURN.
THWAKK!

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, I WILL KILL EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW. SAY THE WORD AND I WILL START WITH YOU.
...
I TAKE YOUR SILENCE TO MEAN THAT YOU ARE IN NO WAY UNHAPPY WITH THIS AGREEMENT.
NOW. HAVE THE CURIOUS ONE BESIDE [redacted] OPEN THE HANGAR DOORS.

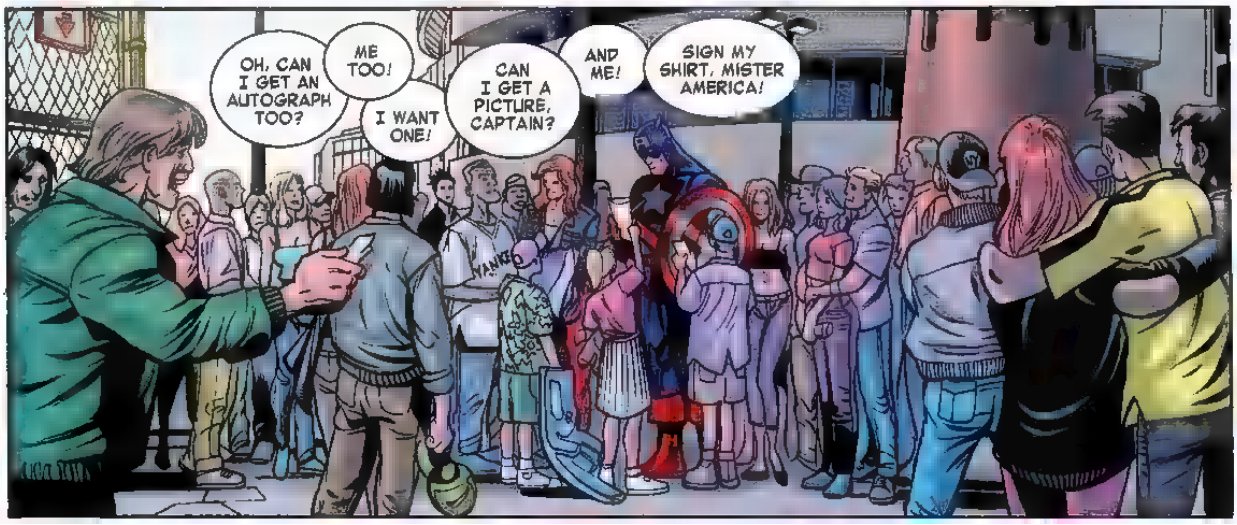
PRAY WE NEVER CROSS PATHS AGAIN.

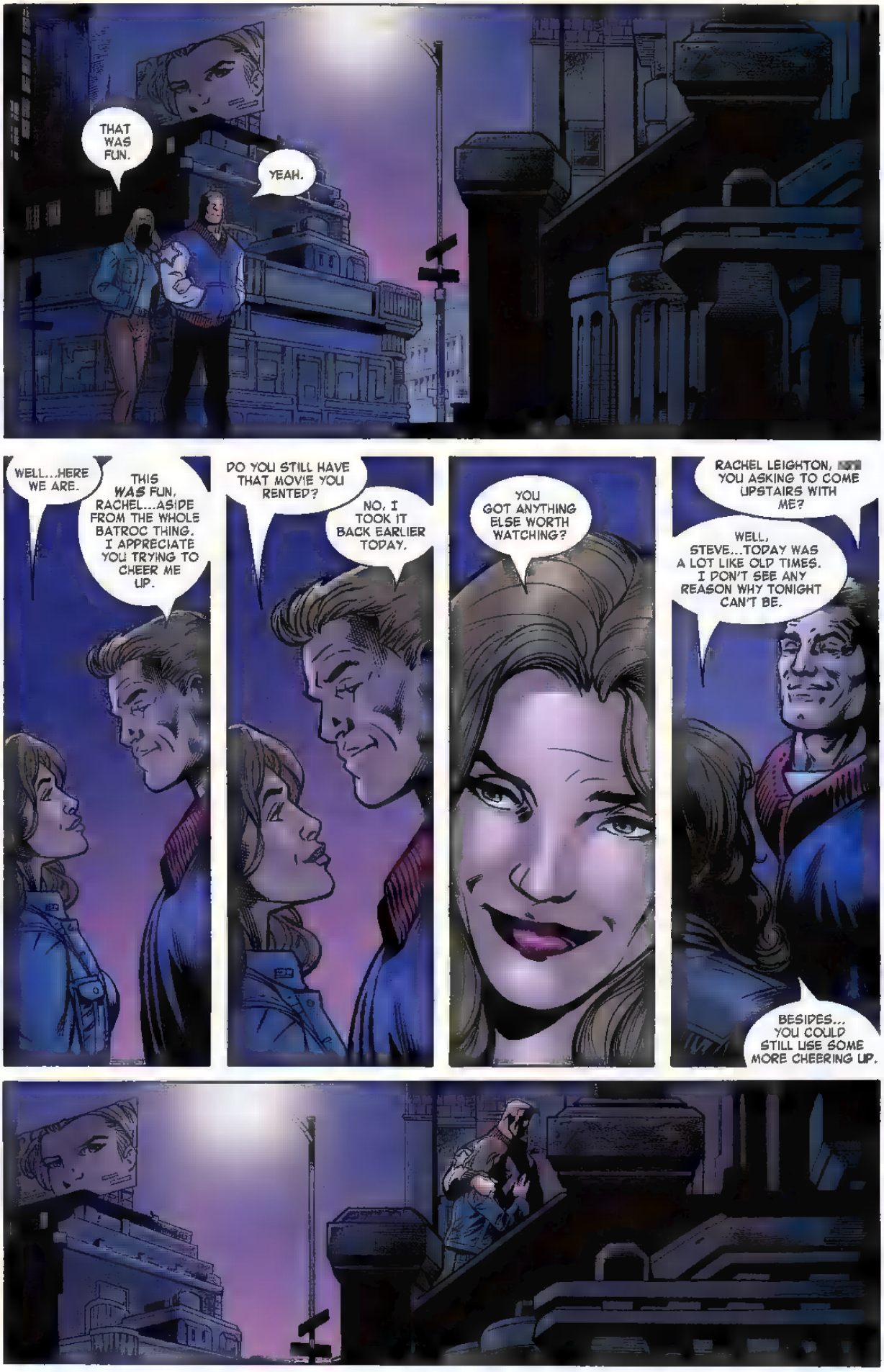
AHEM!
LET'S GET BACK TO WORK, PEOPLE!
S.H.I.E.L.D. ISN'T GOING TO OVERTHROW ITSELF.



HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS AN INK PEN?
WHEN I HELD IT... IT WAS PRETTY LIGHT FOR A DETONATOR--NOT NEARLY HEAVY ENOUGH TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO SEND A SIGNAL.
BUT I THOUGHT IT COULD HAVE BEEN NEW TECHNOLOGY. MOSTLY...IT WAS THE HOLE IN THE BOTTOM.
STILL, THAT WAS PRETTY BOLD.
I DIDN'T GET THROUGH WORLD WAR TWO WITHOUT TAKING A FEW CHANCES.
OR WITHOUT GETTING FROZEN SOLID IN A BLOCK OF ICE...

POINT TAKEN.
HEY, UH, C--CAN I GET AN AUTOGRAPH?
SURE, NO PROBLEM.


OH, CAN I GET AN AUTOGRAPH TOO?
ME TOO!
I WANT ONE!
CAN I GET A PICTURE, CAPTAIN?
AND ME!
SIGN MY SHIRT, MISTER AMERICA!

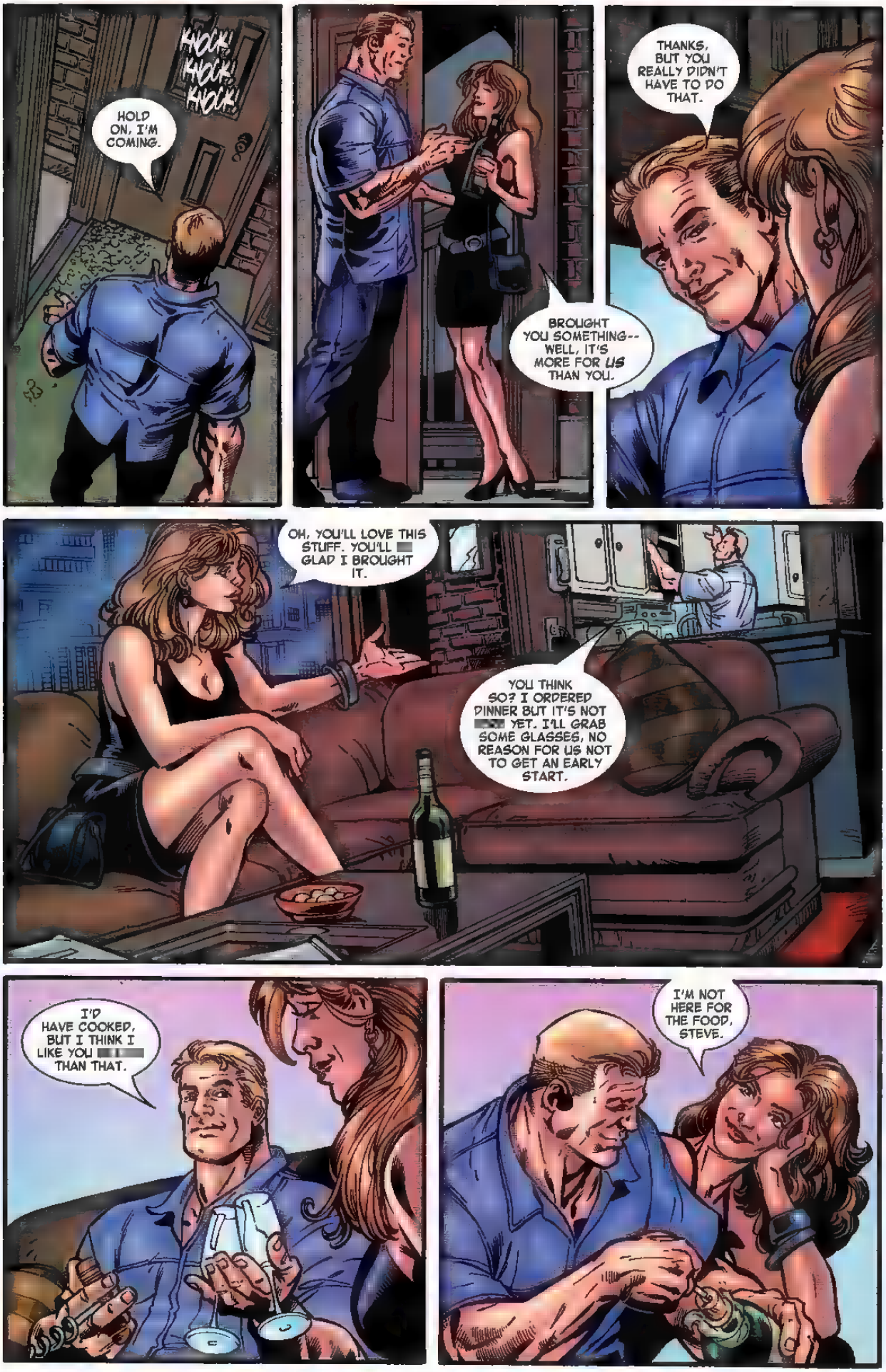

THAT WAS FUN.
YEAH.
WELL...HERE WE ARE.
THIS *WAS* FUN, RACHEL...ASIDE FROM THE WHOLE BATROC THING. I APPRECIATE YOU TRYING TO CHEER ME UP.
DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT MOVIE YOU RENTED?
NO, I TOOK IT BACK EARLIER TODAY.
YOU GOT ANYTHING ELSE WORTH WATCHING?
RACHEL LEIGHTON, [redacted] YOU ASKING TO COME UPSTAIRS WITH ME?
WELL, STEVE...TODAY WAS A LOT LIKE OLD TIMES. I DON'T SEE ANY REASON WHY TONIGHT CAN'T BE.
BESIDES... YOU COULD STILL USE SOME MORE CHEERING UP.

RACHEL?

I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT.
YANKEE DOODLE DANDY. WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD.
YOU'RE NOT YOUR USUAL CHIPPER SELF. THIS GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT AVENGERS BUSINESS THAT'S ON THE NEWS?
YEAH... WE LOST SOME GOOD PEOPLE.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, STEVE.
THAT RENTAL'S ON THE HOUSE... LEAST WE CAN DO.

...YANKEE DOODLE DANDY, I'M TELLING YOU, THE GUY IS OBSESSED.
SPLENDID.
YOU'LL BE PROVIDING BEVERAGES THIS EVENING. NOW THAT YOU HAVE THE GOOD CAPTAIN'S TRUST, IT WON'T BE TOO DIFFICULT TO ADD SOMETHING EXTRA TO HIS GLASS.
IT'LL BE OVER BEFORE HE FINISHES SWALLOWING HIS FIRST DRINK.
THIS ENDS TONIGHT.
A MATTER OF HOURS CAPTAIN AMERICA WILL BE DEAD.

WE'VE GOT AN INCOMING TRANSMISSION, SIR.
IT'S, UM...IT'S FROM NICK FURY.
WHAT?!
PATCH IT THROUGH... NOW!
CORPORAL NOLAN. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO CANCEL THAT SURVEILLANCE MISSION YOU'RE ON AND GET OVER TO HYDRA ISLAND. SOME FUNNY BUSINESS WENT DOWN THERE A COUPLE DAYS AGO THAT HAS HYDRA UP IN ARMS, AND WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT.
I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU CAN AND HAVE AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT FILED BY 0800 HOURS.
YES, SIR.
FURY OUT.
DO YOU THINK HE SUSPECTS?
HE COULDN'T... THERE'S NO WAY. WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.


KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!
HOLD ON, I'M COMING.
BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING-- WELL, IT'S MORE FOR US THAN YOU.
THANKS, BUT YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
OH, YOU'LL LOVE THIS STUFF. YOU'LL [redacted] GLAD I BROUGHT IT.
YOU THINK SO? I ORDERED DINNER BUT IT'S NOT [redacted] YET. I'LL GRAB SOME GLASSES, NO REASON FOR US NOT TO GET AN EARLY START.
I'D HAVE COOKED, BUT I THINK I LIKE YOU [redacted] THAN THAT.
I'M NOT HERE FOR THE FOOD, STEVE.

THEN MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN BIGGER GLASSES?
JUST KEEP THE BOTTLE CLOSE BY.
I'LL GET THE MOVIE SET UP.
YOU BETTER HURRY.
FAST AS I CAN...
NOW YOU'RE ALL MINE.
TO A FANTASTIC EVENING.
TO *MANY* FANTASTIC EVENINGS.

BRA-KOOM!!!
BUSHMASTER. PUFF ADDER. ASP.
YOU BREAK INTO MY HOME? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
NEVER MIND--
--I'LL ASK QUESTIONS LATER!

NO. YOU WON'T.
HOW--?!
POW!!
MY VENOM BLAST SHOULD HAVE KNOCKED THEM BOTH UNCONSCIOUS INSTANTLY. WHY DIDN'T IT WORK ON HER?
CURIOUS...

DIAMONDBACK, YOU DISAPPOINT ME.
YOUR ADVENTURE AT THE BASEBALL FIELD MADE THE NEWS. I THOUGHT YOU KNEW BETTER THAN TO SHOW YOUR FACE AROUND HERE.
IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN... YOU'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THE SERPENT SOCIETY!
OH, AND CAPTAIN...
...THANKS FOR THE GIFT.
To Be Continued...